

Amendment After Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312
Date filed **August 1, 2006**
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REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 have been allowed. Claim 3 has been amended herein in order to correct an informality.

The Notice of Allowance mailed June 16, 2006 included an Examiner's editorial change to claim 3. The Examiner states the following: "should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312."

Accordingly, because the changes are unacceptable, Applicant is filing this Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's editorial changes are unacceptable, for the following reasons.

The phrase "for preventing intrusion of sediments" qualifies the cover, therefore the phrase should not be inserted in the location suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that it is not necessary to repeat the phrase "for preventing intrusion of sediments," which qualifies the cover, as it is already recited in the preceding lines.

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It is the Applicant's position that the amendments to the claim 3 are mere corrections of formal matter in the claim 3 without changing the scope of the allowed claims.

Furthermore, it is the Applicant's position that such amendments to the claim 3: (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the Applicant's invention, and (2) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent Office and Trademark Office.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due now or in the future with respect to this application, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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